Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



November 10, 2021

City Council Election Results to Date

According to results from Pierce County Elections as of Monday, Nov. 8, the following vote totals have been received for the four open City Council positions in University Place:

Council Position No. 1	
Javier H. Figueroa	5,775 (95.87%)
Write-in	249 (4.13%)

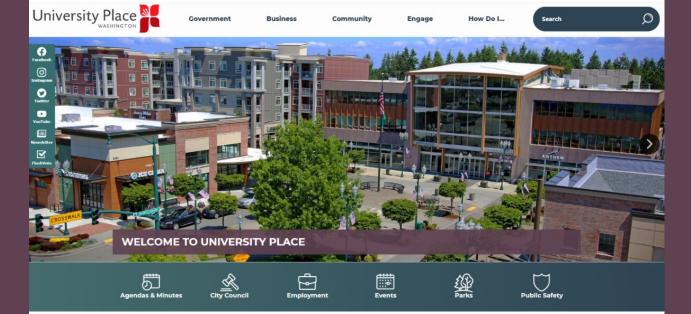
Council Position No. 3	
Steve Worthington	5,778 (97.42%)
Write-in	153 (2.58%)

Council Position No. 4	
Edward Wood	4,938 (65.31%)
Joey Jones	2,587 (34.22%)
Write-in	36 (0.48%)

Council Position No. 5	
Denise McCluskey	5,788 (97.31%)
Write-in	160 (2.69%)

The final results from the Nov. 2 election will be certified on Nov. 23, at which time new members will be sworn in quickly to assume their roles on the U.P. City Council. For complete updates, please visit the **Pierce County Elections** website.

CityofUP.com Gets a New Look



If you have visited **www.CityofUP.com** recently, you may have noticed that the City's website is sporting a new, fresh look.

The updated site has a clean, airy design, but still offers important information from City Hall, just in an easier-to-use format. This includes:

- A new Agenda Center where visitors can access City Council meeting agendas, minutes and videos all on one page.
- A new and improved News section with important updates from the City.
- A graphic calendar with links to City events on each date.
- Better accessibility for members of the ADA community.
- A NotifyMe function, so visitors can sign up to receive targeted information on different items that they want to know about.
- Easy-to-use icons to direct you to key departments and topics.

A 15-person committee of City staff, led by Communications Specialist Amanda Kleber, provided important input on the site's design, including the type of information stakeholders want and need and how to best present it to the website's visitors.

"For instance, we wanted to make sure we included the kind of content that is most requested by constituents when they contact the Planning and Development Services staff," Kleber says. "And while we hope we've included the most critical information, the beauty of the new hosting platform we are using is that it provides the flexibility for us to continue to update and modify the site based on feedback we get from both internal and external users."

Please take a few minutes to explore the site and learn all about what's happening in University Place.

What's UP with Biz?

Cheers UP Bar & Grill will hold a special holiday turkey give-away on Sunday, Nov. 21 at its location at 7102 27th St. W. Turkeys will be given on a first-come, first-served basis from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or until all 500 turkeys are gone. There is a limit of one turkey per car/vehicle.

This marks the second year in a row that Cheers UP has donated turkeys at Thanksgiving. "We are grateful to them for stepping up again to help those in need this holiday season," said Becky Metcalf, Business Outreach Liaison in the City's Office of Community and Economic Development. "We hope that people will remember their generosity and continue to support this local business that supports our community."



Breaking News: The new Happy Duo Café in the Civic Building at 3609 Market Place W., is now open for beverage and pastry service. Please stop in and welcome them to the neighborhood.



Watch this Space to Watch the Tree Light UP

U.P. is getting ready for another holiday season and making plans for its 2021 virtual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Be sure to check the next issue of Headlines (Nov. 24) plus the City's new webpage for a link to a special tree lighting video. Watch as the Mayor and City Council Members invite you to join them in kicking off a healthy and happy holiday season in U.P.



Another Job Opportunity Opens with City of U.P.

The City of University Place has listed a new job opening for an office assistant in the Office of Administrative Services. Learn more about the requirements for this position as well as the open Senior Engineer Tech position and opportunities with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and West Pierce Fire and Rescue on the City's **Job Opportunities page**. Work close to home and become a member of a tight-knit team of people working for the people and businesses of University Place.



Public Invited to Veterans Day Ceremony Tomorrow, Nov. 11

The recent spate of severe storms and heavy rains has delayed completion of the new Veterans Memorial Plaza at Cirque Park, but the project's organizers are still planning a special Veterans Day ceremony at the site, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Should rain force the event to be moved indoors, it will occur at the American Legion Post 138 (7515 Cirque Dr. W.) at the same time.



The 16th Combat Aviation Brigade from JBLM and the Curtis High School Navy Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) will present the Colors, with members of local Scout groups leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the singing of the National Anthem by the Curtis High School Choir, there will be a series of brief remarks and a medley of songs for each branch of the Armed Services.

The ceremony will conclude with a Moment of Silence in honor of all veterans and a playing of Taps.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this event to show their gratitude for those who have served our nation.

Grassi Memorial Service

A memorial service for Ken Grassi is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. The service will be at OURChurch, located at 5000 67th Ave. W. in University Place. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Council Member Grassi passed away on Sept. 26. He had served as a member of the City Council since incorporation in 1995, during that time serving two terms each as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, in addition to serving on the City's Finance, Communications, and Legislative and Intergovernmental committees, as well as the Town Center Steering Committee, and more. At the time of his passing, the flags at City Hall flew at half-staff in his honor.



Advisory Commission Vacancies

Commissioners are citizens that, through their volunteer efforts, play an integral role in the growth and development of their City. Citizens serving on the City's Commissions apply their unique knowledge and experiences to the issues and the needs of their City. They function as a focus group from within the community and create ideas to assist the City Council in shaping legislative policy.

Applications are currently being accepted from City residents interested in serving on the following Commissions:

Economic Development Advisory Commission Park Advisory Commission Public Safety Advisory Commission

Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Nov. 12, 2021. For information about each commission and how to apply, visit the **City's Commissions and Partners** webpage or email **dnicholas@cityofup.com**.

What Are You Sending Down the Drain?

The street drains that dot our landscape play a critical role in U.P.'s efforts to reduce stormwater pollution and runoff. What ends up getting washed down storm system grates ends up in three key locations:

- Back into the groundwater and regional aquifers.
- Into local streams.
- Into Puget Sound.



Do you want these bodies of water—used by the plants and fish we eat, for the water we drink and the water we play in—to be contaminated by litter, chemicals, bacteria, sediment and vehicle fluids?

This map shows where the water in your neighborhood's storm drains ends up. Take a look and then do your part to reduce stormwater pollution.

Pierce County COVID-19 Assistance

Help is available to University Place families that need COVID-related assistance with things such as:

- Rent
- Utilities (water, electric, sewer, gas, garbage pickup, fuel oil, internet)
- Mortgage payments
- Eviction resolution
- Homeless resources
- Developmental screenings
- Behavioral health services
- Support for older adults
- Food pantries
- Domestic abuse support
- Diaper bank
- State services



Encourage them to visit the **Pierce County website dedicated to COVID-19** Human Services assistance. Although U.P. is a separate municipality, residents of the City can still apply for and receive help from Pierce County.

UNIVERSITY PLACE HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, Nov. 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

WWW.CITYOFUP.COM





Steve Worthington











Denise McCluskey

Stan Flemming

Curbside Oversized Brush Pickup

Pile Limitations: 1 per household no larger than 6' wide by 6' long by 6' high

The Oversized Brush Pickup is available to all residential customers of University Place Refuse and Recycling, even those without yard waste service. The pickup day for your area will be the same as



your curbside recycling or yard waste pickup day during the weeks shown above. Remember, this is a one day event for each neighborhood. The Oversized Brush Pickup is only for the larger brush and limbs that do not easily fit into a regular yard waste cart. Limbs are removed by machine or pitchfork. Sweeping of small items by the customer can be expected.

Yes, Oversized Brush Includes: branches, brush, and limbs no larger than 6' in length or 4" in diameter. Please stack loose for pickup (no cans, bags, or bundles).

No, Oversized Brush Does Not Include: blackberry, holly, or other thorny vegetation; stumps, limbs larger than 6' or thicker than 4"; small loose items such as grass, leaves, weeds, bark, pine/fir needles, etc. No noxious weeds like scotchbroom or English ivy, etc.

If you are signed up for yard waste service, please make maximum use of your cart before placing brush in a pile. Place your oversized brush in a loose pile at the curb or within 5 feet of the driveable portion of the roadway for pickup. Make sure the pile isn't in the street or blocking access to mailboxes or fire hydrants.

Visit the U.P. Refuse and Recycling website for more information.

Do Your Part and Get the Shot



What do I need to know about each kind of vaccine?

Vaccines provide excellent protection against severe illness or death from COVID-19. That means a vaccine is your best chance of returning to normal life.

Each is a little different, but your best choice is the vaccine that's available to you now.

- Pfizer:
 - Authorized for people 5 years or older.
 - Requires 2 doses at least 21 days apart.
- Moderna:
 - Authorized for people 18 years or older.
 - Requires 2 doses at least 28 days apart.
- Johnson & Johnson:
 - Authorized for people 18 years or older.
 - Requires 1 dose.

Find your vaccine at **tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture**!

Hey fellow kids, join the old folks. Get vaccinated. tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture music #BAND Laman Part County Health Command

Flashvote

Have you signed up for FlashVote? It's not too late!

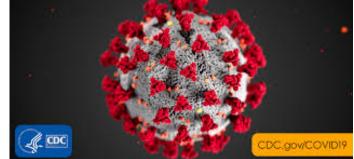
Surveys take less than a minute and give participants an opportunity to weigh in on issues within our local community.



Sign up now to take part in upcoming surveys!

Get the Facts: COVID Resources

As the nation and our region continue to battle the COVID-19 outbreak, be sure to stay informed with accurate information from these official sources:



- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control offers the latest facts and information about COVID-19, including information on travel and guiding principles for work or school.
- The **Governor's Office** provides details about on-going response efforts throughout the State of Washington, including information for families, businesses, workers and health providers.
- The **Washington State Department of Health** provides updated statistics on the occurrence of COVID-19 across the State, as well as testing data.
- The Tacoma-Pierce County Department of Health and Pierce County Government provide important local information on testing sites, and the various types of assistance which are available to community members.
- The City of University Place's dedicated **COVID-19 info page** includes valuable information on resources for businesses and residents.



CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2021

City Staff will be on holiday on Thursday, November 11 in recognition of the Veterans Day holiday. Normal hours will resume on Friday, November 12 at 9 a.m.



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